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BIGGEST GAIN AT THE RESERVOIRS AND HEAVIEST RAIN ISLAND'S WATER 12 MILLION GALLONS MORE
TYTAM VALLEY'S VAGARIES

The heaviest rainfall on any day this year.

The biggest "gain" in the reservoirs of Hong Kong.

These are the main features of the last 24 hours, in regard to the acute shortage of water brought about by the prolonged drought.

At the Royal Observatory, Kowloon (the official figures), the rainfall in the 24 hours ended at 10.30 a.m. to-day was 3.105 inches, easily the "record" so far in 1929.

In the 24 hours ended at about seven o'clock this morning, at which hour the readings at the Colony's reservoirs are usually taken, it was gathered that, after deducting the (approximately) 3 million gallons used during the day through the mains and fountains, the quantity in storage had increased by about 12 million gallons.

In other words, the Island's water had "gained" four days' supply (under restrictions).

This is also a record, the previous biggest "gain" this year having been about 7 million gallons; and there have been other "gains" of about 4 million gallons in a day this year.

Still More to Come

The rainfall was not as consistent as could be desired, but there were intermittent heavy showers. The vagaries of Tytam Valley—the most important area in Hong Kong Island from the point of view of water supplies—were stressed once more because the rainfall there in the last 24 hours varied from 1.58 inches to 3.35 inches!

Another encouraging item of news—especially because the authorities have told the public that the only real solution lies in rain—is that, with the downpours continuing and the catchment collections still flowing down, water was still pouring into the reservoirs when the readings were taken this morning.

Kowloon's Advantage

Mainly because of the extensiveness of Shing Mun Valley, the peninsula has fared better than the Island once more. After making allowance for the 2.3 million gallons consumed in Kowloon (and environs) yesterday and also the half million gallons transported to Hong Kong, the mainland reservoirs showed a gain this morning, as compared with yesterday morning, of 15 million gallons, or about five days' restricted supply. The rainfall there varied between 2 inches and 2.75 inches.

Although some rain fell in the 24 hours before last, there was no appreciable gain. The situation yesterday morning, as compared with Wednesday morning (i.e., prior to the beginning of the present downpour) was described as "steady."

The heaviest rainfall in any one hour of the last 24, as recorded at the Observatory, was nine-tenths of an inch, from 8.30 to 9.30 this morning.

Water For Launches

Work in connection with laying pipe-lines, etc., so as to make water at Lantau available for Police and harbour launches is now complete and Tai Shui Hang has been thrown open for use.

At Sham Cheung 4,500 feet of piping has been laid to tap the sources of potable water for the Colony. A dam has been almost completed and valve fittings and other equipment are ready for placement.

Harbour Pipe-Line

The following notice to mariners has been published:

"Operations in connection with the cross harbour pipe-line will commence about July 23."

"The first instalment of this work will be carried out over an area extending 500 feet from the seaward end of Queen's Pier."

"A grain dredger, junks for depositing rubble and three diving barges will be employed."

"The area will be marked by six sampans and all vessels employed will fly, as a distinguishing signal, a square red flag."

"All shipping must give this area a wide berth and under no circumstances attempt to pass between the marked vessels."

"A previous notice on June 28 stated that boring operations of the harbour bottom on a line joining the seaward end of Queen's

FIRE ON SHIP
CARGO OF COTTON ON JAPANESE STEAMER
FIRE FLOAT SUMMONED.

This afternoon the Japanese cargo steamer "Ganges Maru" sent out an "S.O.S." message for assistance, stating that fire had broken out in the after hold.

The fire float has been sent out and the steamer, at the time of going to press, was entering Kowloon Bay where she will anchor preparatory to the firemen commencing operations.

The local office of the Osaka Shosha Kaisha, who are the owners of the vessel, which was proceeding from Bombay via Singapore to Japan with a cargo of cotton, are inclined to minimise the affair, which, in their view, may be a slight outbreak caused by spontaneous combustion of the inflammable cargo.

The "Ganges Maru" is a steamer of 4,700 tons.

KOWLOON TRAGEDY

INVESTIGATING MURDER OF INDIAN CONSTABLE

ARRESTS ANTICIPATED

In connection with the murder of an Indian constable early yesterday morning in a disused quarry between Austin and Jordan roads, already reported fully in the "China Mail," it is learned that the Police have narrowed down their investigations, and they are now definitely on the track of a Chinese and his wife, who until the ghastly act was committed, lived in an old shack near the Kun Cheung market.

There are certain characteristics in the man's appearance that, no doubt, will assist the Police. They are confident of arresting the couple within the next few days.

M.P.'S AND CHINA

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S POLICY

INTERESTING QUERY

London, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons Condr. Bellairs (Conservative, Maidstone) asked if the Government intended to co-operate with the Chinese Government in territory they control in or contiguous to China in stopping the revolutionary activities of foreign agents.

Mr. Hugh Dalton (Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs) replied that it was the British Government's policy to do all that was legal and possible to prevent the use of such territories and British Concessions as bases for causing disorder in China.—Reuter.

TIN PRODUCTION

BRITISH PRODUCERS FORM AN ASSOCIATION

IMPORTANT MEETING

London, Yesterday.

A meeting, under the chairmanship of Sir Edmund Davis, of representatives of 167 tin producing companies, with a total annual production of 100,000 tons of ore and representing a great majority of the Empire's tin production, unanimously decided to form a Tin Producers' Association and elected a provisional council of 21 members.—Reuter.

THE DARDANELLES

SOVIET GOVERNMENT AND TURKEY

A REQUEST

Constantinople, Yesterday.

The Soviet Government has requested Turkey to give authority to the Soviet Air Squadron to fly over the Dardanelles on the forthcoming visit to Italy on their return of the Italian Seaplane Squadron's visit to the Black Sea.—Reuter.

RAIN — A GAMBLE!

According to the Acting First Magistrate, Mr. E. W. Hamilton, on a wet day (such as to-day) there are less cases to deal with than otherwise.

In remanding a number of traffic summonses, in which Mr. F. C. E. Rendall is appearing for the defence, until 10.45 a.m. to-morrow, His Worship said that perhaps Mr. Rendall would have to wait rather longer than the specified hour. It was all a gamble, as it may rain to-morrow.

SINGAPORE BASE

London, Yesterday.

An early statement, in the House of Commons, is foreshadowed with regard to the Singapore Base.

Reuter.

INCINERATED IN ENGLAND

NINE CADETS

TERRIBLE TERMINATION TO A KENT FETE

DUMMY HOUSE COLLAPSES

London, Yesterday.

There has been a terrible termination to a fete at Gillingham (Kent) which was being held on behalf of the local hospitals.

Crowds gathered at night time to witness a demonstration by the Fire Brigade of life-saving, when the dummy house prematurely caught fire and collapsed.

The occupants, nine cadets, were incinerated.—Reuter.

OBJECT ACHIEVED

MILITARY CONFERENCE AT PEKING

THE NEXT AT NANKING?

Shanghai, To-day.

It is believed that the conference held at Peking between Yen Hsia-shan, Chiang Kai-shek and Chang Hsueh-liang has obtained its desired effect so far in the problem of Disbandment and Re-organisation.

A further step in connection with the solution of this problem will be to call another conference at Nanking of all military commissioners for the purpose of considering measures to put into force the resolutions passed by the Military Re-organisation and Disbandment Conference held at Nanking some time ago.—Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

Chiang Kai-shek

Tientsin, To-day.

A number of high officials were at the railway station to receive Marshal Chiang Kai-shek on his arrival here from Peking on the morning of July 11. Chiang is bound for Hsichow and is scheduled to arrive there on July 12.

Yen, Hsia-shan

After leaving Peking yesterday at noon, Yen Hsia-shan arrived at Shihchuchang, the junction of the Peking-Hankow and Ching-Tai Railways, early this morning. He will soon proceed to Taiyuan, the capital of Shan-si.

On his departure from Peking, Yen told Chinese Pressmen that he will remain at Taiyuan until the completion of military re-organisation and disbandment, which he hopes will be done in a few months.

He also hinted that after the completion of this work, he would join Feng Yu-hsiang for a trip abroad.

Chang Hsueh-liang

General Chang Hsueh-liang, who left almost simultaneously with General Yen, arrived at Tientsin from Peking on the afternoon of June 11.—Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

400 ACRES FIRST

BELGIAN CONCESSION AT TIENSIN

Peking, To-day.

Dr. C. T. Wang, Minister for Foreign Affairs, has called on the British and Belgian Ministers in the Legation Quarter to discuss the retrocession of the Belgian Concession at Tientsin to China.

The Chinese Municipal Government of Tientsin has completed surveying the whole area of the Belgian Concession and a formal conference will be held to-day at the Building of the Municipal Government to discuss the proposal made by the Belgian Minister, that of retroceding 400 acres of the Concession to China as the first move.

Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

EXPRESS COLLIDES WITH GOODS TRAIN

Binghamton (New York), Yesterday.

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NAUTICAL RELICS

MEETING FOR SOCIETY FOR RESEARCH

BRITONS' DUTY TO JOIN

The annual general meeting of the Society for Nautical Research is announced, was held at the Royal United Services Institution, London, on June 12, and it is an encouraging commentary on the society's progress that on this occasion the meeting is to be (says the "Journal of Commerce") to hand, not in one of the small upper rooms as hitherto, but in the lecture theatre of the institution. That the address of the Chairman, Admiral Sir George P. W. Hope, K.C.B., will in the theatrical phrase, "play to capacity" is unlikely, for the lecture theatre could probably accommodate the entire London membership of the society without overcrowding—a strange state of affairs in the greatest port in the world, but true; the growth is steady, however, if not spectacular, and the total membership is now more than 70 per cent. greater than it was five years ago.

There can be no question that the attainment of this excellent result owes much to the attention that has been drawn to the society's activities in connection with the "Save the Victory" Fund, under the auspices of the late Admiral of the Fleet Sir Doveton Sturdee, and the acquisition for the nation, thanks to the generosity of Sir James Caird, of the Macpherson Collection of naval prints a year ago, and the "Mercury" Collection of shipmodels in the present year. It would be unfortunate, however, if any impression should gain ground that, these great feats accomplished, there is no more to be done; or that, in a society that makes such a special appeal to the expert in maritime archaeology, there is not ample room for the member who can bring to its study no better equipment than an intelligent interest.

The Macpherson Print

The expense of keeping such a vast collection as the Macpherson prints, even on the barest "care and maintenance" basis, is a heavy drain, and to place it on such a footing as will render its resources properly accessible to student and to general public alike will call for a considerable reserve of endowment, the provision of which ranks as a first charge upon the society's energies. The Victory is "saved," but the end of the necessary expenditure upon her complete restoration and furnishing is not yet in sight, while that upon the Victory

is the Nobile Gift

Lord Inchcape has made several noble gifts to the nation, both in tree service and in actual money.

The most notable in the latter category was the half-million pounds he gave to the nation in July, 1928, the sum was presented in memory of his daughter, the Hon. Elsie Mackay, who lost her life in an attempt to cross the Atlantic from east to west. Lord Inchape settled a large sum of money on his daughter on her 21st birthday, estimated to be about £1,000,000. After death duties and other charges the estate was found to be £500,000. Lord Inchape and his family not wishing to benefit by his daughter's death, bequeathed this amount to the State to be held in trust, and called "The Elsie Mackay Fund." It was their wish it should ultimately be used to pay off the National Debt, by accumulating for 50 years, unless its proceeds together with other funds available should be sufficient to pay off the whole of the national indebtedness at an earlier date. It is estimated that the sum will, in 50 years at 5 per cent. compound interest, amount to £5,733,700.

LORD INCHCAPE

DETAILS OF THE NEW EARL'S CAREER

HEAD OF P. & O. CO'S

Statesman and public benefactor, as well as a great shipowner, such as Lord Inchape, G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., K.C.S.I., K.C.I.E., whom the King has honoured with an earldom. Born in Arbroath, Scotland, in 1852, James Lyle Mackay, as he then was, was left an orphan about the time he left school, and as his patrimony, amounting to about £2,000, was invested in two barques trading to the East Indies, he naturally turned to shipping for a career. He first joined the staff of Gellatly, Hankey and Sewell, shipowners and shipbrokers, of London. After two years' study he proceeded to Calcutta, and joined Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Co., then the managing agents of the British India Co. By the time he was thirty he had become the partner in charge of the whole business.

Genius for Amalgamations

In 1894, after twenty years' strenuous but successful experience in India, he came home and assumed charge of the wide ramifications of the British Indian Steam Navigation Co. and the Australian United Steam Navigation Company.

Lord Inchape has a genius for bringing about profitable amalgamations. In 1914 he combined the interests of the P. & O. and British India Companies, and in 1928 the total ordinary capital of the companies owned or controlled by the P. & O. Company amounted to £12,654,942. These companies were:

The parent company, Australasian United, British India, William Cory and Son, Orient Line, Eastern and Australian, Federal Steam Navigation Company, General Steam Navigation Company, Hain Steamship Company, Khedivial Mail, New Zealand Shipping Company, Jamous Nourse, Strick Line, and the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand.

Cruising business continues to expand and the company's vessels are specially equipped for this purpose to maintain their popularity with the travelling public. Successful cruises were made round Ireland and Scotland, from the United Kingdom to Norway, the Baltic, the Mediterranean, West Indies, and also between Europe and Brazil and River Plate, West Indian, Spanish Main, Central American and North Pacific ports have been regularly maintained during the year. Competition was further intensified and conditions of trading generally remained difficult.

The company and its associated shipping companies have continued to carry a large proportion of the chilled and frozen meat imported from South America. The range of commodities carried under refrigeration from the River Plate and Brazil is increasing, and in addition to meat and dairy produce, appreciable shipments of fruit are now being exported to the United Kingdom. The North Pacific seaboard produced a large apple crop in the year 1928 and the vessels of the North Pacific coast service (which is operated by the company in conjunction with the Holland-America Line) carried a considerable proportion of this fruit.

Eagle Oil Transport Company

Report for year ended December 31, 1928, states that the balance at the credit of profit and loss account for the year amounts to £519,905, to which should be added the balance from 1927 of £5,820, making £525,816, less transfer to depreciation reserve of £481,622, leaving £43,994; add transfer from dividend reserve of £12,500 and deducting dividend on Preference share capital for the year at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, absorbing £12,000, there is left £46,994, which it is proposed to allocate as follows:—Final dividend of 2 per cent. on Preference share capital for the year at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, absorbing £12,000, there is left £26,994. The decrease in profits as compared with the previous year is due to the low rates of freight prevailing during the period. In accordance with the arrangements with the charterers the dividend reserve, which created when the freights were high, provided the company with a fund upon which to pay rates above those ruling on the market, and a sum of £122,500 has accordingly been transferred from this re-

B.O.T. RULES

LINETHROWING APPLIANCES FOR SHIPS

The Merchant Shipping (Life-saving Appliances) Rules, 1929, dated January 19, 1929, made by the Board of Trade under Section 427 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and the Merchant Shipping (Line-throwing Appliance) Act, 1928, are now issued by the Board of Trade in leaflet form (price 1d.).

The rules state:—

1. Every ship of 500 tons gross tonnage or upwards when proceeding on a voyage or excursion from a port in the United Kingdom shall carry the under-mentioned line-throwing appliances:

(a) Four 2 lb. line-throwing rockets capable of throwing a line 5-16 inch in circumference a distance of 120 yards in calm weather, together with suitable sticks and with port fires or other means of igniting the rockets;

(b) Two lines of 5-16 inch in circumference each not less than 240 yards in length and having a breaking strain of 150 lbs.

The rockets with the means of igniting them and the lines shall be kept in a water-tight case.

2. Rule 4 of the Merchant Shipping (Life-saving Appliances) Rules, 1928, shall be amended by the insertion after the words "buoyant apparatus" of the words "line-throwing appliances."

3. These rules may be cited as The Merchant Shipping (Life-saving Appliances) Rules, 1929, and shall come into operation on July 1, 1929, and the Merchant Shipping (Life-saving Appliances) Rules, 1924 and 1925, as amended, shall have the effect as further amended by these rules.

NOT ENOUGH WATER

So low was the tide in the River Ouse at Selby recently that it was found impossible to launch a Hull ice-land from the Selby shipyard.

A large launching party had travelled from Hull for the occasion. After a lengthy wait it was decided to abandon the launch of the ship as there was not sufficient water in the river, the tide being nine feet below normal. It was stated that the excessive drought was the cause of low spring tides.

A day ahead of her scheduled time, the P.S.N.C. liner "Oriza," after a 15,000 miles voyage from South America, outward through the Panama Canal and homeward through the Straits of Magellan, arrived at Liverpool. Her passengers included Mrs. E. Hodson, wife of the Governor of the Falkland Islands.

COMPANY RESULTS

ROYAL MAIL STEAM PACKET COMPANY

SEVERE COMPETITION

The report of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Co. for the year ended December 31, 1928 (already briefly reported), states that after providing for depreciation there is a balance for the year of £729,366, which is added to the credit balance brought forward from the accounts for 1927, making a total of £802,529, out of which Debenture and other interest, dividends on Preference stocks for the year 1928 and an interim dividend of 2 per cent. less income tax, on the Ordinary stock have been paid. The court recommend the payment of a final dividend on the Ordinary stock of 3 per cent. less income tax, making, with the interim dividend referred to, a total of 5 per cent. for the year 1928, leaving a balance of £45,878 to be carried forward.

The volume of saloon passenger traffic to and from South America shows little fluctuation from year to year and the supply of tonnage on this route is more than adequate to meet the demand. In spite of severe competition, the company's vessels during last year obtained a satisfac-

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MAWA	10,980	17th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.

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TALAWA	7,745	30th July	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TALAMBA	3,013	3rd Aug.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKIWA	7,936	13th Aug.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
GURNA	5,248	27th Aug.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TALMA	10,000	28th Aug.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKADA	6,949	5th Sept.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

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EXAMINATIONS BY THE
ROYAL SOCIETY

AWARDS RECOMMENDED

Two examinations were held at the R.A. beach, Lyceum, on Wednesday, July 3, under the auspices of the above society. The following recommendations for awards have been forwarded to the Chief Executive in London:

For the Award of Merit (Silver Medal), in order of merit:—Gunner W. Pollard, A. Emery, W. Fogarty, and J. Gray, all of the 12th Heavy Battery, R.A. For the Proficiency Certificate and Bronze Medallion, L/Dr. A. Worthington of the 31st Heavy Battery, and Gunner T. Dryden of the 20th Heavy Battery, R.A.

There are at present several classes in the Colony training for the examinations conducted by the R.I.S.S.

WATER SUPPLY

(Continued from Page 1)

Pier and the position of the intermediate section of the centre line of Nathan Road in the Kowloon sea-front would commence on July 4. These borings have been completed.

Outside Supplies

Coupling up all tanks between Western Market and Douglas Wharf has been commenced and is expected to be completed by Monday. Pumping can then be done from the "Fu Kwong" at Douglas Wharf to all these tanks.

The "Fu Kwong" and H.M. tug "Cherub" are still bringing supplies from the West River.

The following craft are now in commission by the Water Control Office:

Thirteen wooden lighters, three of 100 tons and ten of 125 tons capacity.

Tug "Perla."

Motor launch "Jadestone" for harbour work.

Three steel lighters of 300 tons, and two of 250 tons capacity.

S.S. "Vermon," 450 capacity, and

S.S. "Fu Kwong," 1,000 capacity.

Water boats, three in number, one of 265 tons and two of 225 tons capacity.

H.M. tug "Cherub" 140 tons capacity.

Further additions to this fleet are being considered.

The total amount of water handled by the Water Control Office for the week ended July 7 was 13,700 tons or 3,068,000 gallons, all of which was placed in the tanks along the Praya. Sources of supply were as follows:

(1) Manila.

(2) Miike, Japan.

(3) Keelung (Formosa).

(4) Wangmoon.

(5) Shanghai.

(6) Foochow.

(7) Yokohama, Japan.

The total amount of water supplied from ships in transit to ships and stations in port requiring same was 580 tons, which was charged for at \$1 per ton. This price will probably be raised in the near future.

Chlorination

The manufacture of the 400-gallon wooden tanks for chlorinating purposes is being expedited. Nine tanks have been received from the Government workshop, and three of these have been installed in Wellington Street and coupled up to the special pipe system. Three more tanks have been erected at Victoria Nullah, near Arsenal Street, and the pipe system has been completed. The remaining three tanks are in course of erection in Tai Hang Village.

Well Supplies

Work has been continued on the trial well at the Race Course, Happy Valley, and Government authority has been received to proceed with the general pumping scheme.

A survey has been made, and levels taken, in connection with a scheme for bringing into use an old well at Wanchai Gap, for the benefit of houses between that place and Magazine Gap.

Work has been continued on the trial well at the Central Market, and water was found at a depth of 14 feet. Sinking will be carried a few feet further.

The Fu Kwang

The Fu Kwang (A.P.C. tanker) is being kept on by the Government till the end of the month. A renewal of the charter is impossible as the tanker has a "previous engagement" in Shanghai early in August.

The Fu Kwang arrived on Wednesday evening with 1,240 tons and left yesterday at noon, being back to-day at 5 p.m.

At Tai Shui Hang, in Lantau Island, the dam and pipe line for a supply to police and other launches has been completed. The four inch pipe was "running full" and delivering about 200 tons a day.

At Sham Cheung (the Rutonjee scheme), the contractors have made excellent progress, having brought over from Hong Kong and laid 4,000 lineal feet of six-inch piping. The present dam—40 feet by four feet high—may be raised and it is possible that several adjacent streams will also be tapped.

FINGER-PRINTS

VIEWS OF REGISTRAR OF CRIMINALS

POPULAR FALLACIES

Mr. G. B. Lintford, Registrar of Criminals, S.S. and F.M.S., has written a candid article in the Malayan Police Magazine in which he dispels a few popular fallacies regarding finger prints and their uses and explains what exactly can and cannot be done with them. He also points out that the study of finger prints is a simple matter and that classification under the Conlay system can be taught in a couple of hours.

"The expert gazed searching at the impression for a minute or so, then 'a whorl' he murmured 'a whorl with two deltas.' This, or something to this effect, is an extract from a work of fiction I read recently. If the expert had looked out of the window and remarked that he saw coming down the street 'a man—a man with two legs' his remark would have been just about as sensible. For all whorls have two deltas excepting an exceedingly rare specimen which has three.

It is nonsense of this sort, so frequent in the modern detective story, that is responsible for the rather hazy ideas held by the man-in-the-street on the subject of finger-prints. Although it is some thirty years since the full value of finger-prints was realised and Police Forces all over the world began to establish Finger-print Bureaux, it would appear to be only recently that fiction writers "discovered" finger-prints, and now no detective story is complete without the finger-print touch, garnished with a few technical phrases and explanations which are, as often as not, incorrect. "The finger-print expert entered briskly," writes W. Masterman in *The Green Toad*, "his hands full of papers. He was an enthusiast at his work and would have kept one for hours explaining the loops and whorls of the human hand, affirming and—experience proved this to be true—that no two hands ever show the same combination—a totally incorrect affirmation."

Classification

If one were to believe all that is written on the subject of finger-prints in detective stories one would, I think, come to the conclusion firstly, that any one finger-print can be traced in a very short time and the complete history of the owner thereof laid bare, and secondly, that years of practice are required before one can become an "expert" on finger-prints. The former is a partial and the latter a complete fallacy.

Let us take the former point first. The finger-prints of convicted persons are filed according to the classification of all ten digits. There are three distinct types: whorl, loop and arch, and the first of these is divided (under the Conlay system) into two and the second into three varieties according to certain characteristics, making a total of six varieties. Each has its relative value and the print is filed accordingly. Each digit helps to fix the position of a finger-print slip on the files in the same way that each letter helps to fix the position of a word in a dictionary. Ten digits capable of being one of six different varieties naturally result in a large number of combinations and although the "expert" in *The Green Toad* is quite incorrect in his assertion that no two hands show the same combination—for it is unfortunately a fact that certain combinations, not only in hands but in pairs of hands, are all too common, thus rendering search on certain files a tedious business—nevertheless the system so splits the bureau up as to make searching on the files a simple matter averaging about 5 minutes per slip. (A very large number take only a minute or less but search on the congested files referred to above spoils the average).

Missing Fingers

If the impressions of a man are sent in with one finger missing, it is necessary, when searching to treat that finger as being of each variety in turn, as this man may have been convicted in the past before losing his finger. This means a fairly prolonged search, but two missing fingers means a very much longer job and when these lines are missing search on them is considered impracticable and each missing finger is allotted the classification found in the corresponding finger of the other hand, the only hope being that all these fingers were missing when the man was first registered, for, in placing a man's finger-prints on the files, it is customary when fingers are missing to classify the missing digit as if it were the same as that of the corresponding finger in the other hand. It will now be realised how impracticable it would be to search for one finger, for there would be no means of ascertaining on which file to search; one would therefore have to search every file. The Malayan Bureau does the same when it writes about "keeping one for hours explaining the loops and whorls of the human hand."

The Malayan Bureau

The running of the Malayan Bureau which entails, among other duties, the keeping track annually of some twenty-five thousand finger-print slips received from places all over the peninsula, returned thereto with the result of search and received back and dealt with according as to whether the accused has been fined, gaoled, discharged or committed for trial, has

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scrutinise all these, as the print would be one of the three types mentioned above and it would therefore be only necessary to examine prints of that type. As the subdivisions into varieties, however, depend very much on the print being fully-rolled and criminals are not usually considerate enough to leave fully-rolled impressions behind them, one might quite possibly find oneself compelled to examine every print of that type, unassisted by subdivisions—*at a rough estimate some 700,000 impressions*. Thus, useful as is a finger-print bureau for laying bare the criminal history of accused persons, it is of no use at all for dealing with that ubiquitous finger-print left on the scene of the crime. There is nothing for it but to wait for the police to arrest suspected persons and compare it with their finger-prints. Tame and disappointing, I admit, when one has been taught to believe that such finger-prints are almost invariably traced within a few moments by a keen young expert as those of Bill Smith, the "Sidney smasher," wanted on 3 continents for a number of offences ranging from murder to bigamy.

Above I referred to this fallacy as a partial fallacy. This is so because a single finger-print file certainly does allow for the sensational developments so popular with writers of detective stories, but by no means to the extent they make out, for a single finger-print file (a comparatively new system of classification) J. A. Larsen's book on the subject was published in 1924—whereby the ten digits of classification are filed separately) is not to be found in many bureaux and is of so complicated a nature that—at Scotland Yard at any rate—it is confined to a select band of well-known house-breakers only.

Forging Finger Prints

It is doubtful whether much will be effected in the future in the matter of connecting criminals with their crimes by the finger-prints they leave behind, at any rate in a country where the house-breaker is an expert at his job. For one thing he knows the value of finger-prints to the Police and wears gloves, and for another there is no doubt that finger-prints can be forged and although it is not very likely that a house-breaker would deliberately obtain a forged impression of another person known to be an habitual criminal and therefore easily suspect, and plant it in a conspicuous place at the scene of his crime, yet the very fact that a forgery is possible might easily tend to put all juries dead against any such evidence. As far as is known, the forging of finger-prints has so far only been effected by law-abiding persons whose pleasure it is to experiment in such things, (a Mr. Carlson of Los Angeles discovered a method for forging finger-prints in 1921, while Mr. Albert Wehde, a laboratory worker in the Department of Identification of the U.S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth proved that forgery was possible in 1925) but should there ever occur a concrete case of criminals using forged finger-prints on their unlawful enterprises it would, I should imagine, be difficult to persuade any jury to accept such evidence again.

It is gratifying to reflect, however, that nothing of this sort can affect the effectiveness or the infallibility of finger-print bureaux in tracing the criminal histories of accused persons.

Now let us turn to the second point. "I know every habitual criminal that ever went in . . . I can read at a glance any finger-print you put in front of me" said Inspector Bullett of the Scotland Yard Record Dept., in *The Hand of Power* by Edgar Wallace. Now what did he mean by that? Either that he could recognise any type of finger-print or that he could recognise any type of finger-prints of any criminal in his bureau. He could hardly mean the latter. Some queer distortion or scar will sometimes enable one to recognise a print one has seen before and if an accused person's prints are submitted twice within a few days one can sometimes recollect that the finger-prints of that person have passed through one's hands recently. But that, in my opinion, is as far as the recognition of finger-prints will go.

If the former meaning is the correct one, then the author is leading his readers to believe that the study of finger-prints is one of a certain amount of intricacy and one requiring much practice, the "reading" of a finger-print at a "glance" being apparently, no mean feat. The author of *The Green Toad* does the same when he writes about "keeping one for hours explaining the loops and whorls of the human hand."

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SHADOWS BEFORE.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN "CHINA MAIL"

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Tokyo Yesterday. While Japanese comment on the latest Chinese coup at Harbin, against the Soviet is withheld pending receipt of official despatches, official circles admit that they are watching developments closely and intently that it is feared that if the Chinese recover the Chinese Eastern Railway they will then turn their attention to the recovery of (the Japanese-owned) Southern Manchurian Railway.

The conference between Dr. C. T. Wang (Foreign Minister) and General Chang Hsueh-liang on diplomatic problems in Manchuria is also attracting keen attention here, as there are reported to be indications that the result will be unfavourable to Japan.—Reuter.

Wholesale Dismissals

Harbin, Yesterday. The Soviet General Manager, Assistant General Manager and all Soviet heads of departments, and a hundred others in the Chinese Eastern Railway (a joint Chinese and Russian concern) were dismissed to-day.

Fan Tsui-kuang has been appointed by the Chinese to take charge of the whole railway administration.—Reuter.

MISCELLANEOUS

To-day—Investiture, University, 5 p.m.

To-morrow—C.C.C. Radio Night.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

To-day—At Sales Room, Postage Stamps, 5.15 p.m.

July 17—At Sales Room, household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

HOME MAIL

To-morrow—Outward via Marseilles ("Hakone Maru"), 9.30 a.m.

IN OTHER PLACES

CHRONICLES FROM JAPAN TO JAVA

Mr. F. J. Shepherd, of Batu Gajah, has rejoined the Kinta Sanitary Board as an unofficial member.

Dr. H. R. Dive, acting Senior Medical Officer, Selangor, and Mrs. Dive are going on leave early in September.

Mr. H. W. Morgan, of Messrs. Harrisons, Barker and Co., Ltd., Kuala Lumpur, is going on leave shortly.

Mr. A. T. Newbould, M. C. S., Secretary to Resident, Negri Sembilan, has resumed duties after his illness.

His Excellency the High Commissioner of the F.M.S., Sir Hugh Clifford, will probably pay a visit to Ipoh at an early date on his way through to the North.

At St. Andrew's Church, Penang, the wedding was solemnised of Mr. P. A. Winter, Penang, and Mrs. A. J. L. Lee, formerly of Kuala Lumpur. The Rev. R. S. Stewart officiated.

Mr. E. W. Mumford, Assistant Commissioner of Police, F.M.S., returned from Home leave by the "Khyber" on June 27. Mr. C. Careless, of the F.M.S. Railways, and Mr. W. Dowling, Chief Inspector of Police, F.M.S., are expected back from Home leave by the "Kashmir" on July 25.

The Kiangsu Provincial Government has appointed Wei Ngu-huan, nephew of Dr. Wei Tao-ming, former Minister of Justice, to take charge of the jail at Zao-wu-ching, near Zikawei.

Chiang Kai-shek is reported to have decided to make an inspection trip of Hupeh and Anhwei provinces. His work will largely be devoted to inspecting the military and civil conditions in these two provinces.

It may be thought by some that much of what I have written is superfluous and that I am mistaken in my belief that the uses of finger-prints and the methods of filing them are not widely known. This may be so; my only excuse must be that in my limited experience the contrary would appear to be the case and when it is realised that I have in the past had frequent applications from Police Officers, who might be supposed to have some sound ideas on the subject, to bring to light the criminal history of the owner of a solitary finger-print, and that my protests that such a feat was quite impossible were greeted with surprise (and in one case, indignation), perhaps I will be forgiven for assuming that there are still some who require enlightenment in the matter of finger-prints.

The Rt. Rev. Wachter, Bishop of Borneo, and Mgr. Dunn, Superior of the Roman Catholic Mission there, who arrived in Penang from Borneo recently, have left for Taling Hill to stay there for a few days. They belong to the Mill Hill mission in London and are in charge of the mission in Borneo. They have come over to Malaya for a change. Mgr. Dunn, who is 71, having just recovered from illness. On a recent Sunday the Bishop presided at the *Palas Tukus* church.

It is announced that the Australian National Broadcasting Company intends to embark on a moderate policy of importing artists, chiefly from Great Britain.

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a great deal of difficulty would be experienced in collecting the call and in quite a number of cases I have, no doubt, the money would not be forthcoming, at any rate without legal proceedings.

If you approve the amendment, Mr. Shenton, as representing a large proportion of the fully paid shareholders, will approach the latter with a view to obtaining their consent to waive their rights involving the calling up of unpaid capital. This will take some time, as the shareholders in question are widely scattered.

If Mr. Shenton's proposal is consented to by the holders of the fully paid shares an extraordinary general meeting will later be called with a view to winding up the Company on the new lines.

The result would be that the remaining assets would be distributed amongst the fully paid up shareholders and although the partly paid up shareholders would receive nothing no further call would be made on them.

Amendment Adopted

I will now put the amendment proposed by the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton and seconded by Mr. R. E. Coxon.

"That the Company be not wound up voluntarily but that the fully paid up shareholders be approached with reference to the distribution of the assets of the Company.

Will those in favour kindly signify their assent in the usual way?

Carried unanimously.

The first resolution "That the Company be wound up voluntarily" is therefore lost and the Company remains as before the meeting of June 21 and until we learn the result of Mr. Shenton's inquiry nothing further can be done.

That is all the business, Gentlemen. I thank you for your attendance.



It must have been a year or more ago that Janet Gaynor debuted at the Carthay Circle Theatre in "Seventh Heaven." No one knew her then. Any number of people went prepared to be bored. Janet galvanized that blass audience. Not a sluggish pulse in the house. And to-night, to be sure, Hollywood goes prepared for the usual Gaynor performance.

The youngster hasn't changed because of her success. She's a sweet kid, a naughty flirt, and a camera pleasure. No one knows to this day if she's engaged to Lydell Peck from San Francisco, or if Charlie Farrell is the destined one.

ALLEGED FRAUDS LOSSES INCURRED BY VARIOUS FIRMS

Eight Chinese, including a woman, this morning appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Police Court in answer to charges of conspiracy pertaining to a series of frauds by which several firms were deprived of goods valued at \$4,475.

It is alleged that this case is similar to that heard several weeks ago, in which two Chinese obtained goods from shops of respectable reputation on credit, after which they disappeared.

Mt. E. S. C. Brooks is appearing for the complainants, whilst three of the defendants are to be represented by Mr. F. X. d'Almada, Jun.

The case will be heard next week.

HE SMILED

INDIAN AGITATOR SENT TO PRISON

Delhi, Yesterday.—The well-known Punjab Congress leader, Dr. Satyapal, smiled when sentenced, to two years' rigorous imprisonment, with a fine of \$500 for making an seditious speech last March.—Reuters.

VOLUNTEER CORPS

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK

SPORTS MEETING

Volunteer Defence Corps orders by Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., Commandant, are as under:

At the Sports, etc., Committee Meeting held at Corps Headquarters on July 8 the following Committee and Sub-Committees were elected:

General Chairman, Major S. J. J. M. C. M.

General Secretary, Captain E. J. R. Mitchell.

General Treasurer, 2nd Lieut. D. M. Richards.

Sports Sub-Committee, Hon. Secretary, A/C Q.M.S. C.E.M. Terry;

Company representatives, Reserve Company, Captain A. M. Thornhill,

Machine Gun Company, 2nd Lieut. J. F. Wright, Engineer Company,

C.Q.M.S. C. S. Coom, Scottish Company,

L/Sgt. J. C. Fletcher, Portuguese Company, L/Cpl. A. E. Carvalho.

Swimming Gala Sub-Committee:

Hon. Secretary, Corp. S. D. Iglesias, M.M.; Company representatives, Engineer Company, C.Q.M.S. C. S. Coom; Machine Gun Company, Sergeant A. Urquhart, Portuguese Company, L/Cpl. A. E. Carvalho.

O.S.C. Units not mentioned above

will detail unit representatives to act on these Sub-Committees and report names to The Adjutant.

Band Concert Sub-Committee: Captain A. M. Thornhill, Captain R. R. Davies, 2nd Lieut. D. M. Richards,

Sub-Committee Meetings

There will be a meeting of the Sub-Committee Swimming gala on

Monday, at 5.45 p.m. at Headquarters.

There will be a meeting of the Band Concert Sub-Committee on

Monday, July 22, at 5.45 p.m. at Headquarters.

There will be a meeting of the Sports Sub-Committee on Monday, July 29, at 5.45 p.m. at Headquarters.

O.S.C. Units who have not detained Company representatives for Sports and Swimming, please do so before above-mentioned dates.

Cards Band

A short Band Practice will be held at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on

Tuesday. Dress Mufti, followed by a meeting immediately after practice.

All ranks of the Band are particularly requested to be present.

Mounted Infantry Company

Sunday. Tactical Field Exercise.

Parade at Dragon Garage, Happy Valley at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday. Parade at Riding School at 5.30 p.m.

Motor Cycle Section

Monday. Parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Road exercises. Dress: Mufti. A full turnout is expected.

Machine Gun Company

There will be no further Company parades during the month of July.

Scottish Company

The Pipes and Drums will parade at Corps Headquarters at 6 p.m. on

Wednesday for practice.

Aquatic Sports Sub-Committee, Scottish Company Representative: A/C.S.M. A. W. Brown.

Field Sports Sub-Committee, Scottish Company Representative: Lance

Sgt. J. C. Fletcher.

Portuguese Company

N.C.O.'s Class. The next N.C.O.'s Class will be held at Headquarters on

Friday, July 19, at 5.30 p.m.

Cap Badges. All those who have

the old pattern Cap badge will exchange same for the new pattern

pattern immediately. The C.Q.M.S. will be at Headquarters to-day at 5.30 p.m.

Strength

The following recruit has been

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CANTON AQUATICS

FIRST SWIMMING GALA OF THE SEASON

AN INTERNATIONAL RACE

From Our Own Correspondent.] The first Shamian swimming gala of the season given by the Canton Swimming Bath Club was held on July 10 and was a great success.

The event of the evening was the international team race for the "Lehmann" Cup, which was won by the Germans after a very hard tussle with the British team, who twice had the lead. The cup will be won outright by the team with three victories to its credit, and, at present, honours are even between the German and British teams, each having two "legs" on it.

The Swiss are to be congratulated on their sportsmanship in entering a team from their small community and would have done well if they had had a faster man to do the "free style."

B. Rasmussen did very well to take four first places. He showed a good pace and tremendous stamina.

Mrs. H. Lehmann presented the prizes, after which Mr. W. Roland Farmer addressed the gathering.

The Results

2 lengths handicap—1st, heat, B. Rasmussen (scr.), G. S. Moss (rec. 15 secs.); 2nd, heat, O. Friesner (rec. 12 secs.), E. Dornmanns (scr.)—final, 1st B. Rasmussen, 2nd G. S. Moss, time 29.4/5 secs.

1 length novices' handicap—1st M. Habicht (rec. 2 secs.) 2nd R. D. Wolcott (scr.), time 24 secs.

Springboard dive—1st M. Gavin, 2nd H. Lehmann.

"Lehmann" Cup international team race—1st, the Germans (L. Werner, R. Klewitz, P. Dietrich, E. Dornmanns) 1, time 74 secs.; 2nd, the British (F. E. Lammet, T. O. Lammet, D. Latimer, E. H. Shekury), time 74.4/5 secs.; 3rd, the Swiss (M. Gavin, M. Habicht, O. Friesner, W. Seifert).—Winners beat second team by ½ length. Each man in team swam one length of the bath; first backstroke, next sidestroke, third breaststroke and last man free style.

Ladies' nomination.—Mrs. Walcott and B. Rasmussen.

2 lengths sidestroke handicap—1st B. Rasmussen (rec. 2 secs.), 2nd G. S. Moss (rec. 5 secs.)

Fancy trapeze dive—1st M. Gavin, 2nd H. Lehmann.

Cockfight melee—O. Friesner and B. Rasmussen.

Mixed team race—Winners, the "Liqueur Lappers" (M. Habicht, G. S. Moss, M. Gavin, L. Werner, F. E. Lammet).

The Officials

The officials for the gala were:—General Committee:—W. R. Farmer (Chairman), C. E. Watson, F. Gandoosi, M. Gavin, J. H. Ferguson (Hon. Secretary).

Handicapping Committee:—W. R. Farmer, M. Gavin, F. Petersen, H. W. Hewett, L. Werner.

Judges:—C. E. Watson, A. Hoffmeister, J. J. Moore, W. O. Kohler, M. A. Annett.

Timekeepers:—F. Gandoosi, J. Carnegie, F. Petersen.

Starter:—R. K. Bachelor.

Recorder:—J. H. Ferguson.

BOXING "ELECTION"

DEMPSEY VOTED MOST POPULAR FIGHTER

Jack Dempsey is adjudged the most popular boxer in America. A newspaper took a poll on the question, and this was the result. The ex-champion received an enormous majority over the whole of the others nominated. He polled 31,000 votes. The next highest was that of Young Stribling, who received 12,000.

The winners were: All Classes, Grand Prize: Jack Dempsey; Heavyweight: Jack Dempsey; Light Heavyweight: Tony Marullo; Middleweight: Mickey Walker; Welterweight: Chief Coy; Lightweight: Joe Trabon; Junior Lightweight: Tod Morgan; Featherweight: Al Singer; Bantamweight: Kid Chocolate; Flyweight: Fidel La Barba.

NATIONALISATION

WANTED: A MINISTRY OF SPORT

A National Federation to protect the interests of club cricket is in course of formation. It sprang to life through the activities of the politicians, says the "Athletic News." It has all developed from a meeting of Yorkshire Clubs whose object was to get an alteration of the Rating Land Valuation Act of 1926. The assessments of some clubs have so increased, that their rates have advanced by as much as 500 per cent. Incidentally, the figures of one southern club—Great Western Railway C.C.—have jumped from £97 to £600.

These northern clubs formed a Yorkshire Federation to protect their interests or, as the hon. secretary (Mr. Harry Knowles, of Birstall) tells me: "To secure the abolition of rates and taxes on all land kept or preserved mainly or exclusively for purposes of cricket."

To advocate, and, if possible, establish the principle of a clear four calendar months for the playing of cricket free from competition of winter games. To watch the interests of club cricket and cricketers, if and when proposals are made in any quarter for the alteration of the laws or implements of the game, and to take action thereon as may appear desirable.

To use influence to support schemes for ground purchase for cricket clubs. To work for the establishment of a ministry of sport as a responsible state department.

WRESTLING

NOTED STUDENT-ATHLETE FOR OXFORD

New England's inter-collegiate champion wrestler, football, and lacrosse star, and potential winner of the record number of nine major athletic awards at Brown University, is going to St. John's College, Oxford, to wrestle with more abstruse opponents, such as psychology and biology.

Albert C. Cornsweet is his name. In addition to being probably the best athlete the University has ever produced, he is also one of the brainiest students.

His most recent distinction is the winning of the "Class of 1907" Scholarship, of a substantial cash value, which is awarded to the senior student who "combines in a high degree scholastic ability, athletic ability, and character."

Breaks World Record



Harlow Rothen, shot put ace of Stanford University, heaved the 16-pound weight for a distance of 60 feet, ¾ inches, to beat the world record for that event, at the I. C. A. A. A. games at Franklin Field, Philadelphia.

officials include the formation of a midland section of the Federation to take in Leicestershire and surrounding counties, and so complete a chain of organisation covering the whole country. These territorial organisations would then join forces in order to produce a National Federation.

Ministry of Sport

The opinion of the founders of the Cricket Federation is worthy of note. "We feel that the time has come when there should be a Ministry of Sport to control sport generally," says Mr. Knowles. "It has become such a big item in everyday life, and is part of our tradition and our very backbone. Not long ago such a Ministry was suggested, and the name of P. F. Warner was mentioned as a suitable person to hold office. Such a scheme appeals to us as being worth working for."

"There are no ties—no sentiment—between games, as shown by the clashing of the cricket and football seasons, and although a Ministry of Sport need not have compulsory powers, there is need of such a controlling body to bring the games together, smooth out conflicting views, and work for the good of games at large."

Industry v. Sport

"More and more industry and municipal buildings are coming into our sports enclosures and even the big clubs, with their extensive commitments, do not know whose turn next it will be to be endangered by this continuous encroachment. The Ministry of Sport, if only a tribunal, could hold the balance between our industrial needs and our physical and sporting needs."

"Times have changed since the War, and we do not know what developments will arise. Sport is our heritage, and needs such official and national protection as a Ministry could provide."

To work to support schemes for ground purchase for cricket clubs.

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Rapid Success

Already the Federation has enrolled 300 clubs. Yorkshire will extend its area and develop into a northern federation, embracing, it is hoped, all the leagues of Lancashire and the northern counties. This area is being reckoned, in the customary cricket way, with Notts as the boundary line. In such areas as Notts, Derbyshire, and Cheshire are being asked, through their clubs and leagues, to join this Northern Federation.

If, as is hoped, this scheme progresses satisfactorily, a great portion of club cricket in the country will have been organised, for a link has already been established with the Club Cricket Conference, an organisation embracing many of the clubs of the south and west of England. This conference at the way, has also launched an anti-assessment campaign and candidates at the general election were asked to pledge themselves to take steps to secure relief.

Further, the aims of the Federation

MONTE CARLO

NEW ITALIAN RESORT NOW A RIVAL

THIRD REVOLT DANGERS

Will revolt No. 3 mean the passing of Monte Carlo as Europe's playground and the gambler's paradise? Within the past six months two revolts have already taken place. The first, last December, was mild; the second, in March, was a violent uprising, although small in scope.

This month the general elections will take place, so storm the one most frequently heard, is

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By this treaty it is claimed Monaco was made virtually part and parcel of the French Republic. And lately France has installed common customs duties, and wishes to make the Monégasques pay taxes to France.

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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

Breaks Altitude Record



Flying to a height of 24,000 feet over Los Angeles, Cal., Miss Marvel Crosson, a San Diego woman, unofficially broke the world's altitude record for women in her cabin monoplane, as her barograph proved.

Continue Long Flight



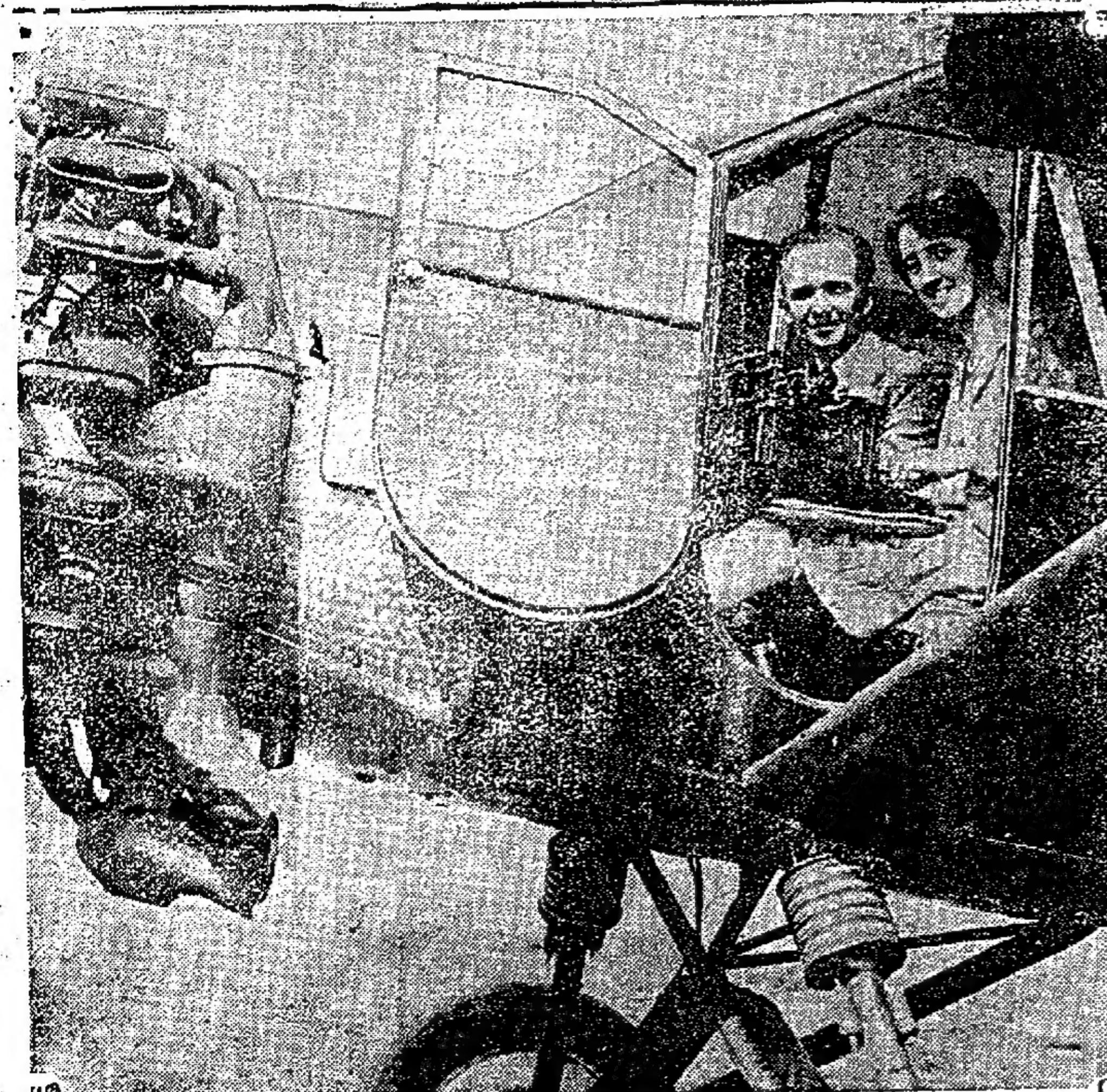
Lieutenant Axel Floden, Swedish aviator, is one of the three flyers who comprise the crew of the Swedish plane which is making a trip from Stockholm to New York by way of Iceland and Greenland, seeking to prove the feasibility of a route for commercial air travel. Their plane was forced down uninjured at Skaptaros, Iceland, and was not able to continue the flight.

Nothing to Say



In spite of his scandalous reputation for frank speech, "Old Seak" arrived in New York en route to join his master, Secretary of State Stimson, but had nothing to say for publication. His stock retort to every question was "Pretty Polly," which is without doubt the essence of diplomacy.

Secretary to Aviator



Chosen from 1,000 applicants, Edna Schroeder of Hasbrouck Heights, N.J., is now the flying secretary of Clarence Chamberlin, trans-Atlantic flyer. She's shown above with the boss as she will appear during working hours. You see she has to take her dictation on the wing.

Jersey Torch Slayer



Attended by his youthful appearing wife, Mrs. Rosalie McCready Campbell, right, Henry Colin Campbell, below, left, faces a Jersey jury at Elizabeth, N.J., on trial for his life charged with the murder of Mrs. Mildred Mowry Campbell, above, left, whom he bigamously married. By his own alleged confession he had married her, obtained her life savings of \$1,000, and as she leaned against him in his car on a lonely road near Cranford, N.J., he shot her through the head and attempted to conceal the crime by burning her body. During the reading of some notes to his wife in court, the doomed man, doomed by disease which means death even if the state fails to convict him, collapsed. His life record shows he has been convicted in other States of bigamy, forgery and grand larceny, and will be the chief argument of the defence that Campbell was mentally ill.

Swedish Fliers Safe Though Forced Down



The map, right, shows the proposed route of Robert Ljungland, left, Captain Ahrenberg, centre, and Axel Floden, right, Swedish fliers, attempting to fly to New York in the giant "Sverige" above. They were forced down by motor trouble at Skaptaros on the south coast of Iceland, marked with cross. The flight was resumed, only for the machine to turn back again.

Heading for Senate



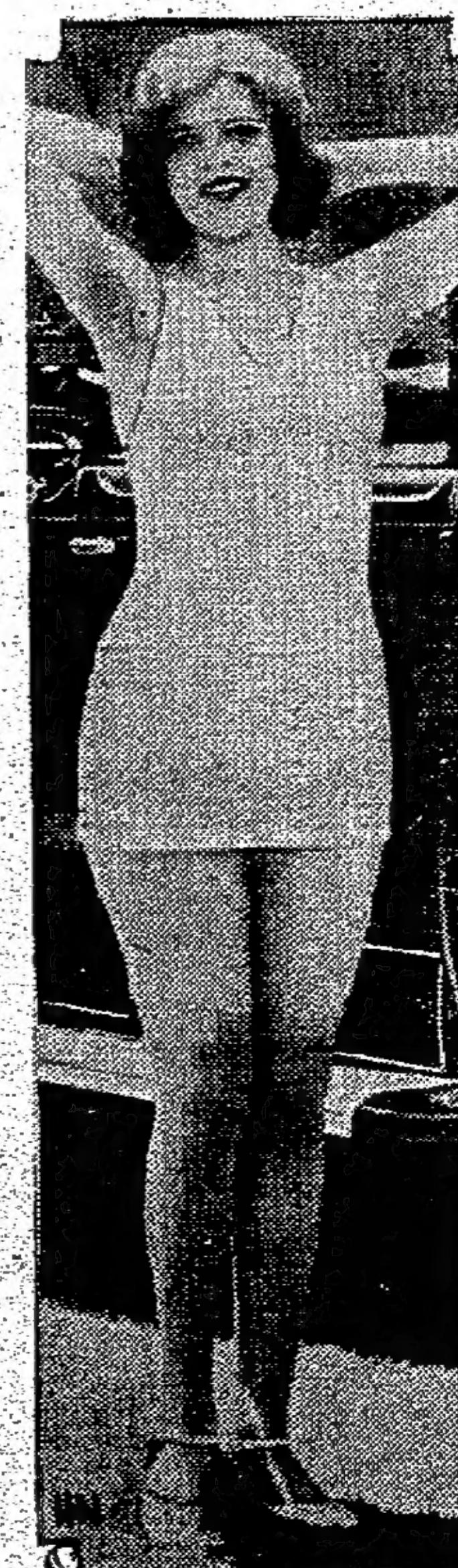
Mrs. Jessie Woodrow Sayre, of Boston, Mass., daughter of the late President Wilson, wants a seat in the Senate at Washington, D.C., according to the announcement that she will run against Senator Gillette of Massachusetts, the present incumbent.

Starts in a Big Way



Mrs. George F. Kunz, of New York, wife of a gem expert, received her license to pilot aeroplanes upon the completion of her tests at Newark, N.J., and confidently said she would immediately begin to make cross-country flights, if you please!

Chosen as Miss Tulsa



A charming brunette of French extraction, Miss Theda del Rey, 16-year-old beauty of Tulsa, Oklahoma, presented her city at the International Beauty Contest and Present at Galveston, Texas, competing with hundreds of other girls for the title of the World's Most Beautiful Girl.

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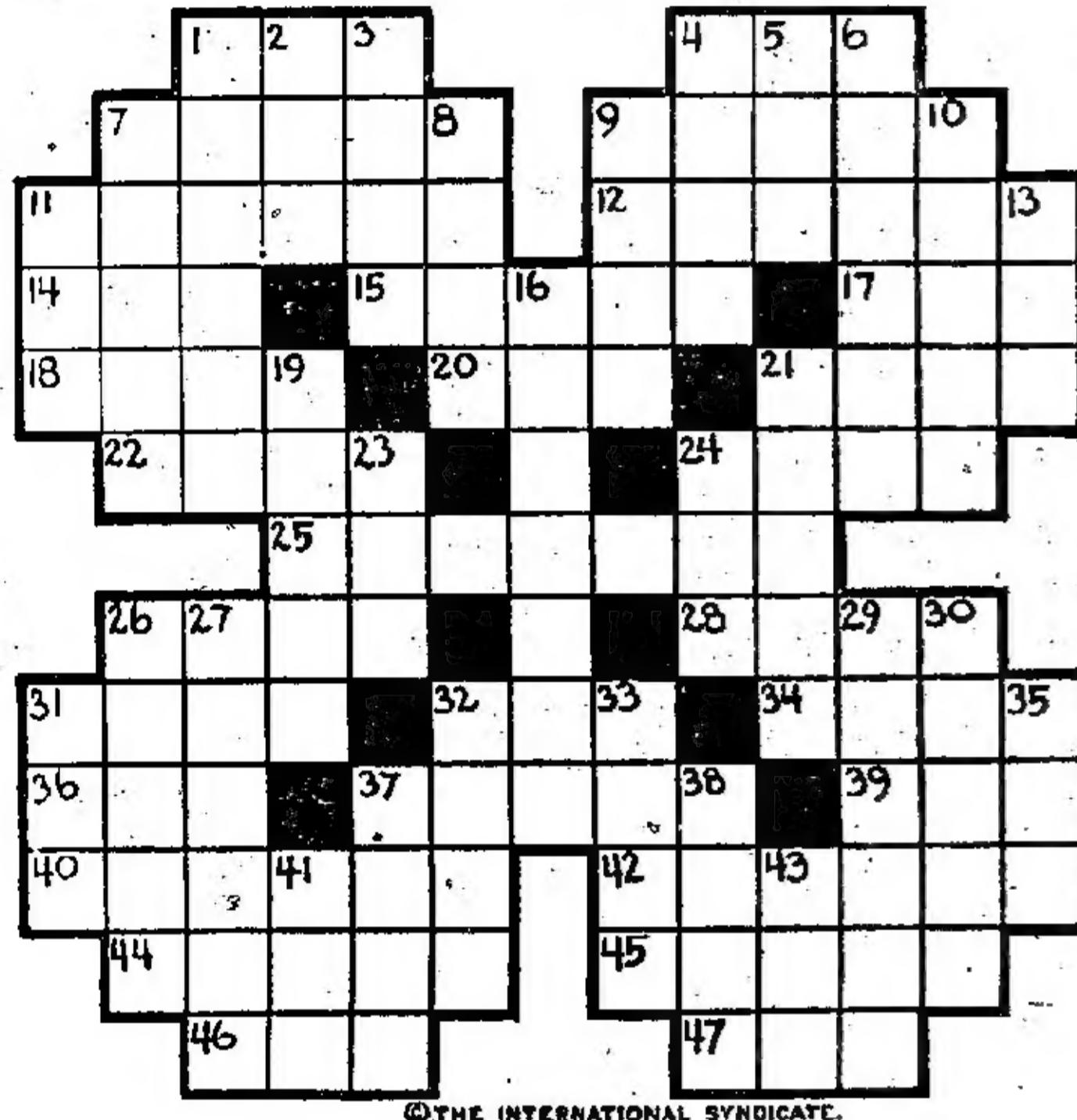
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as *harbor*, *plow*, and *altho*.)



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HORIZONTAL		HORIZONTAL (Cont.)		VERTICAL (Cont.)	
1-Sail	2-Texture of threads	32-Nominal value	33-Scooper	11-Piece of work	18-City in Michigan
7-Bleeding	8-Bands of singers	34-Fruit	19-One who cleanses	15-City in Michigan	20-Request
9-Band	10-Elbow	25-Request	21-By rubbing	21-Biblical King	22-Cream
12-Race-horse	13-Entered	37-Cream	23-Cream	24-Name	25-Takes feloniously
14-A cereal grass	15-Mammal with short stout limbs and flexible proboscis	28-Tumor	26-Name	27-Name	28-Planted, as flowers
16-Man's name (abbr.)	17-Milk	40-Takes feloniously	29-Name	30-Name	42-Planted, as flowers
20-Plotus' assembly	21-Relaxed	43-Black fungus	31-Name	32-Name	45-Sharp weapon
22-Fall in drops	23-Fall in drops	44-Drunkard	33-Name	34-Name	46-Bull
24-Pronoun	25-Famous French scientist	47-Bull	35-Name	36-Name	48-Ball
26-Thin, watery part of milk	27-Filament				
28-Decays					

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

TEST CASE

THEATRE MANAGERS' THREAT TO L.C.C.

COURT ACTION POSSIBLE

West End theatre managers are considering pronouncing a test case in the High Courts which may affect the whole question of the Sunday opening of cinemas throughout the country.

This action is likely unless the London County Council gives an early decision on the proposal to open London theatres on Sunday.

It would be taken by the Society of West End Theatre Managers and the Entertainments Protection Association. These bodies forwarded a letter to the L.C.C. asking for a definite date when a decision would be reached.

It is understood that the party against whom the theatre managers would proceed would be one of the large cinemas in the West End.

To get a Ruling

The ground of the action is that, under the Sunday Observance Act of 1751, which governs the opening of theatres on Sundays, the cinemas also have no right to be open.

Under this Act, the "keeper" of any place of amusement to which people pay for admittance is liable to forfeit £200 for each Sunday the place is open. The manager is liable to a penalty of £100 and each doorkeeper or servant to a penalty of £50. Advertising such an entertainment, according to the letter of the law, involves a penalty of £50.

The case will not be brought out of ill-feeling but simply to get a definite legal ruling.

£5,000 FOR FILM

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S PRIZE

Canberra, June 13.
The Federal Government are offering a prize of £5,000 for the best film produced in Australia between January, 1929, and March 1930.

Millions of feet of films, including some of the latest "talkies," were destroyed by a disastrous fire which broke out at Sydney recently. The damage is estimated at \$100,000.

PLEASE DON'T
WASTE WATER

Dolores Del Rio

manager, presided, and the principal speaker was Mr. Basil Dean, the play producer.

Sir Gerald du Maurier said that he had joined the board of directors to try to do his best to help the members of his profession to combat "this tidal wave, the squawky."

"Whether it is an art or not, one does not know, and whether one likes it or not, one does not know."

Theatre Will Never Die

The theatre, Mr. Basil Dean said, would never die. They knew that drama was eternal, but they had now come to recognise that in the larger theatres the talking picture had got to play a part.

Continuing, Mr. Dean said:

It has been found that the British voice is the best before the microphone, and we have also found inquiry that the carefully modulated dialogue of British authors is dramatic in the dialogue that it is not desired to reproduce for the talking picture.

All that we desire to do is to give direction in the present turmoil, and to indicate to our profession that there is no need for panic, but that there is at the same time a need to hold fast to the principles under which we grew up.

We want British plays of British subjects written by British authors to be played by British actors and actresses under British direction.

British plays suitable for translation into talking pictures will be put on in a London theatre, and then produced as talking-films with the same cast, so far as they are found to have voices suitable for the microphone.



Mrs. Wallace Reid has begun work directing another picture. A girl she has known for months to her for work. Mrs. Reid made room for her by giving her a bit. The girl worked several days. She was asked to work at night for a few hours. She did. But when she came to collect her salary she raised merry hades when extra time money was not in her envelope for a dress she claimed was spoiled by the rain in the night shots. She received what she demanded, all right, even though investigation put a different light on her story, but she's all "washed up" in so far as that particular studio is concerned. In some Hollywood circles, the slogan is: "do me a good turn when I need it most and I'll make you regret it all your life."

Ben Lyon is the "flyin' fool" of the film colony. Scarcely a day goes by that Ben doesn't take the air for half an hour or an hour. He took Matty Kemp and Sally Eilers up recently and they vowed they'd give him a recommendation as a pilot. Perhaps next spring Ben will blow himself to his own "ship." He says he can get a lulu for about \$4,500. Only the upkeep is expensive. An airplane owner must have a mechanic to nurse the engine. Said mechanic receives \$50 weekly. Garage rental and costs of new parts are also steep. As it is now, Ben can borrow a ship for \$7.50 a half hour, or \$15 for an hour. For the time being he's plenty satisfied.

Lila Lee trailed into the Montmartre one day and buried herself in a mass of papers that looked fearfully important. An inquisitive cross-examination revealed she had herself to one who hailed himself as Omar the Great and for fifty cents had purchased a mimeographed astrological reading. Omar, who, Lila explains, is not a new cigarette but a breathing mortal, goes in for star reading by the wholesale, his premise evidently being: "For fifty cents, what can you lose?"

And then there's Chet Withey, erstwhile director who has not wielded a megaphone for years. Chet lives alone in a little Hollywood hotel. He has become a numerology expert and may go in for this as a livelihood.

Many of the old time directors find themselves in the slow years of life pretty much up against it. Youngsters have crowded them out. There's Dell Henderson, formerly a Mack Sennett director. Mr. Henderson is playing a newspaper reporter in a Columbia picture for twenty-five dollars a week.

J. P. MacGowen, director of the once popular Helen Holmes two-reelers and also of the Eddie Polo serials, is eking out a livelihood via the acting end.

Oscar Apfel, I am told, broke Jesse Lasky into the intricacies of the movies years ago. To-day, Apfel is playing character parts and bits.

Frank Reicher is a former Theatre Guild director who tried his hand at megaphoning. He is now emoting before the camera in small parts.

Wallie Beery summed it up in no mild terms: "Who in so-and-so do you think you are, dictating what you should and shouldn't do. Listen, I can tell 'em where to get off because I got money and they know it. You can't. They know you're broke. Now eat a slice of humble pie and watch your step."



CLIVE BROOK HOME

HIS BUSY TIMES AT HOLLYWOOD

FOUR YEARS AWAY

Iris Barry writes in the London "Daily Mail":

An Englishman who left this country for the United States five years ago, to earn world-fame and fortune, was the celebrity of celebrities among many distinguished people landing at Southampton from the "Majestic."

Cameramen and Pressmen, and friends who had motored down from London, crowded across the gang-plank to greet Mr. Clive Brook, the film star, who, with his wife, two enchanting little children in warm white coats and caps, and a Swiss governess, has come over for an eagerly awaited holiday.

"He hasn't changed a bit," we said to each other, as we watched him, distinguished and tall in his blue lounge suit, surrounded by an eager crowd.

In the excitement created by Mr. Clive Brook's landing, Mrs. Elinor Glyn, in an elegant grey toque and long squirrel cape almost brushing the ground; Miss Dorothy Ward, Mr. Shaun Gleenville, Mr. Laurillard, and others passed almost unperceived.

Thrilled to be Home

Once in the boat-train on the way to London Mr. and Mrs. Brook, whom we cross-questioned about the talking film situation in Hollywood, were plainly torn in two directions.

While Mr. Brook is an enthusiastic upholder of talking pictures it was obvious that both he and his pretty wife really wanted to look out of the windows, as their children were doing, and grasp and enjoy the fact that they were at last in England again.

"Look, Mummy, at the motions!" little Faith cried, wriggling round in her seat to see the lambs playing in the green meadows. Neither of the children has a trace of American accent, any more than their father, but they have picked up some French words from the governess.

The efficient politeness of the attendant who brought tea led Mr. Brook to confess that at first, on board ship, they fancied that the stewards were putting on Cockney accents especially for their benefit.

"It is so long," the actor said, his usually rather austere face beam with the joy he is far too English to express openly, "since anyone said 'Righto!' to me like that."

31 Pictures in 4 Years

"Three times," he continued, "we have had all arrangements made to come home for a few weeks, and have had to cancel it all at the last minute. I have acted in thirty-one different pictures in four years, and right up to the minute I left Hollywood now I was playing in a talking film from 7 at night till 8 in the morning and sleeping in the day."

The film star and his wife and

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children were swallowed-up as soon as the train arrived in London by a new and larger crowd of friends, relations, representatives of

Famous Players Lasky—the firm to whom he is under contract—and members of the general public, who gathered as if by magic.

"Clive Brook is here," waited expectant and streamered after him as friends cleared a passage. "That's him— isn't he wonderful?" A woman's voice said. "That must be Evelyn Brent with him," as Mrs. Brook passed.

The star and his wife and the excited babies got into a waiting car. "It's so good to be back home," said Mrs. Brook. As they drove off her husband smiled at her—a smile which spoke more feelingly than anything he could have said.

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Railway porters asked him to put his autograph on ten-shilling notes, which were probably part of their Friday night's pay.

At the barrier, another crowd of people who had heard it whispered,

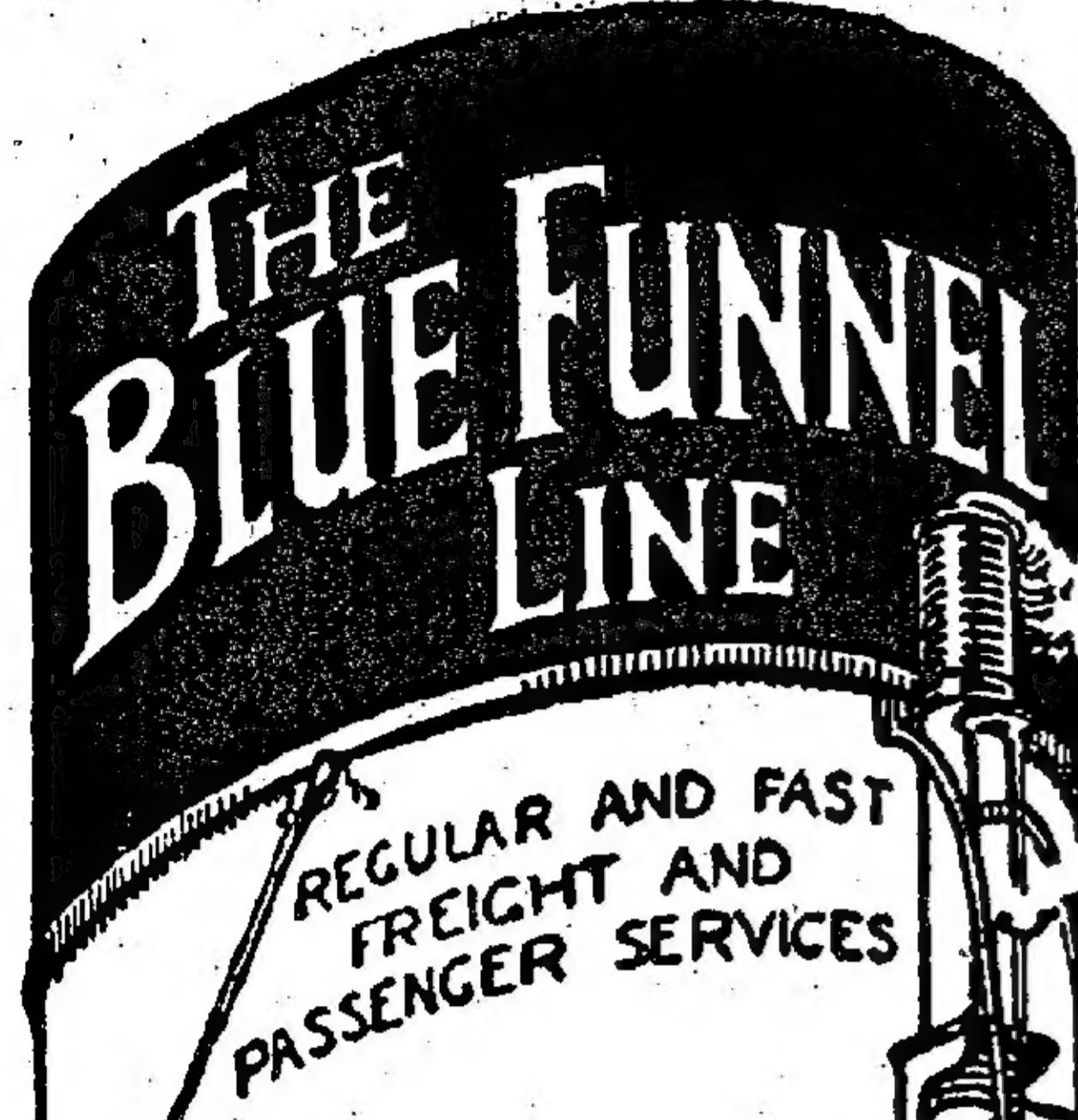


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MONDAY, JULY 15. Canton 1.30 p.m.
Hydrangea 2.30 p.m.

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GREAT BRITAIN AND RUSSIA

RELATIONS QUERY

ANIMATED DISCUSSION IN THE COMMONS

GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE

London, Yesterday. It is understood that the Government will this week forward a communication to Russia so couched that it is hoped that before the end of July Russian representative will be in London discussing directly with Mr. A. Henderson (Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs) questions between the two countries and that a satisfactory understanding will be reached in view of the operation of normal diplomatic machinery.

Much argument took place in the Commons to-day arising out of the question as to whether the Commons would have an opportunity of debating the question of diplomatic relations with Russia before decisive action is taken and whether a White Paper would be published showing the Government's communication to the Dominions and the latter's replies.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald replied that he was unable to give an undertaking to postpone action prior to such debate. The question as to publishing the correspondence would be considered, but the matter had not yet reached the stage in which it was desirable to lay papers. The Government of the United Kingdom would not publish correspondence without consulting His Majesty's other Governments.

Sir Austen Chamberlain asked if the House of Commons would have an opportunity of considering whether the Soviet replies to the conditions laid down were satisfactory before relations were resumed.

Mr. MacDonald: "No; I really cannot agree to that. We will follow the procedure that Sir Austen Chamberlain himself followed in that and other matters."

Mr. Churchill asked whether the matter might be settled before the House resumed after the recess.

Mr. MacDonald: "Yes; so far as the Government is concerned, but it will remain in the power of the House to discuss the matter and come to a decision thereon."—Reuter.

DRUG DISCOVERY

TRAFFICKERS & "DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY"

Paris, Yesterday. There is considerable mystery as regards the heroin and cocaine which was addressed to Ghulam Nabi Khan, the ex-Afghan Minister here.

It is believed he had nothing to do with the matter, and that drug traffickers used his name, hoping to secure diplomatic immunity.—Reuter.

H.M.S. "Tiger" has completed her refit at Devonport Dockyard.



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CANTON ITEMS

LIST OF POLITICIANS NOT WANTED

GENERAL NGAI BONG-PING

Canton, Yesterday. Among the 44 politicians non *persona grata* to the Canton authorities, as a result of the Liang Kwang "inter-provincial war," is ex-General Ngai Bong-ping, for several years a resident of Hong Kong. Ex-General Ngai is accused of having given aid to pro-Kwangtung troops.

General Ngai was a prominent official of Canton some years ago, his offices including that of the Chief of Police.—Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

VETERAN DECLINES

Canton, Yesterday. Mr. Tang Chak-yu, one of the veteran Kuomintang leaders, still refuses the appointment to membership of the Administrative Council in Canton. In addition to membership in the Council, Mr. Tang has also been offered the substantial post of Commissioner of Recon-

Degrees

Temperature, 10 a.m., to-day 76
Temperature, 4 p.m., yesterday 77

Humidity, 10 a.m., to-day 97
Humidity, 4 p.m., yesterday 93

STRUCTION in Kwangtung. This Mr. Tang is also declining, believing that present conditions are still unfavourable.—Nan Chung Kuo News Service.

Remnants Disarmed

Canton, Yesterday. The Government office announces the receipt of telegraphic despatch to-day from Shinfeng, in Kiangsi province, that the remnants of Hsu King-tong's (pro-Kwangtung) troops, about 4,000 strong, have been captured and disarmed by the troops of the Cantonese General Choi Ting-kai, marching from Onyuen, and who had previously arrived at Shinfeng, coming from the direction of Yungyuen.

Drought & Silkworms

Owing to the dry weather, the silkworms are in poor condition, which appears to affect the quality of the silk. The mulberry this year, while more luxuriant than in previous seasons, is finding a poor market, and the price has also gone down. The silkworm farmers are facing very hard times. If the present dry weather continues, it may be that the production of the cocoons of the fourth crop will be much inferior to the former crops.—Canton News Agency.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS

During the hearing of a summons against a Chinese driver of a public car who was fined \$10 for failing to obey the traffic signal at the base of Garden-rod, Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Central Magistracy to-day, remarked to Traffic Inspector Nicholls that the system now being employed there was a great improvement on the methods previously utilised.

FRANCE AND HER WAR DEBTS

MORE DISCUSSION

M. POINCARÉ DELIVERS 3 1/2 HOURS' SPEECH

CONTINUING TO-MORROW

Paris, Yesterday. In a speech that lasted for 3 1/2 hours—and which he will continue to-morrow—M. Poincaré opened the great debate on Debt Agreements before a packed Chamber.

He said the debts had been long admitted and ratified. The question was the ratification of agreements reducing those debts. He regretted the failure of the Government's efforts to obtain a safeguard in the agreements, but no other country had secured it. He presented other arguments against the inclusion of reservations in the Act of Ratification which were unacceptable to the British and American Governments.

The debate is likely to last several days.—Reuter.

SPAIN AND FRANCE

CONCILIATION & ARBITRATION TREATY SIGNED

A "LOCARNO" AGREEMENT

Madrid, Yesterday. A Franco-Spanish Treaty of Conciliation and Arbitration has been signed in Paris, providing for the peaceful settlement of all litigious questions between the two countries and recourse to arbitration in accordance with the principles of the Locarno Agreement.—Reuter.

NEW PEERS

SIR W. W. MACKENZIE AND SIR G. C. MARKS

London, Yesterday. Peerages have been conferred upon Sir William Warrender Mackenzie and Sir George Croydon Marks.—Reuter.

[Sir W. W. Mackenzie is an eminent authority on local government and licensing laws. He has served as Chairman of a large number of committees and courts of enquiry and has, on many occasions, acted as secretary in industrial differences for the Board of Trade and the Ministry of Labour.

Sir G. C. Marks was formerly Member of Parliament for North Cornwall and is a well-known consulting engineer.]

PRAYER BOOK

PARTIAL SANCTION OF REVISED ISSUE

London, Yesterday. The Upper House of the Convocation of Canterbury has passed a resolution on the motion of the Archbishop of Canterbury, sanctioning the use of the Revised Prayer Book of 1928 by bishops and clergy in parishes, provided any deviation from the book of 1662 have been previously approved by the parochial and church councils.—Reuter.

BISHOPS' PROPOSALS APPROVED

The Lower House of the York Convocation discussed the Bishops' proposals regarding the conditional use of the 1928 Prayer Book and passed a resolution (which was subsequently approved by the Upper House), recording its confidence in the administrative discretion of the bishops.—Reuter.

M. TROTSKY

NOT TO BE ALLOWED IN ENGLAND

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons to-day the Home Secretary (Mr. J. R. Clynes) announced that the Government had decided not to allow M. Trotsky to visit England.—Reuter.

"RIGHT OF ASYLUM"

Yesterday, Later. In the House of Commons, Mr. Clynes said the Government had carefully considered all the circumstances before deciding to ban M. Trotsky.

Col. Wedgwood and Mr. P. Harris raised the question of the right of asylum, but the Speaker intervened, declaring that the original question and the answer were quite definite and that nothing else could be said.—Reuter.

While starting off in a Moth biplane at Windsor, Ontario, the pilot was thrown out into the river. The plane flew on erratically over the city for a few minutes on a little joy-ride of its own, and then joined the pilot in the river.

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